

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT KIRBY WELLS,

Defendant.

No. 2:21-cr-164 WBS

ORDER RELATING CASES

BMO BANK, N.A.,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-352 WBS SCR

ROBINHOOD FINANCIAL, LLC &  
ROBINHOOD SECURITIES, LLC,

Garnishees,

No. 2:24-mc-353 WBS SCR

NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY FOR LIFE  
AND HEALTH INSURANCE,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-354 WBS SCR

FARMERS INSURANCE FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-356 WBS SCR

ALLIANZ LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF NORTH AMERICA CREDIT UNION,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-413 WBS JDP

ASSOCIATED INSURANCE BROKERS,  
INC., DBA PACIFIC INTERSTATE  
INSURANCE BROKER AND  
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT  
ADVISORS, LLC ALLIANZ LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH  
AMERICA CREDIT UNION,

Garnishee,

No. 2:24-mc-414 WBS JDP

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Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a), because the actions involve the same parties and are based on the same claim, as the United States seeks writs of garnishment in the civil miscellaneous cases to enforce the criminal restitution order against defendant in the criminal case. Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same judges is likely to effect a saving of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local Rule 123 merely has the result that both actions are assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the actions is effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the actions denominated United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:21-cr-164 WBS; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-352 WBS SCR; United States v. Wells,

Case No. 2:24-mc-353 WBS SCR; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-354 WBS SCR; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-356 WBS SCR; United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-413 WBS JDP, and United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-414 WBS JDP, be, and the same hereby are, deemed related. The cases denominated United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-413 WBS JDP, and United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-414 WBS JDP, shall be assigned to Judge WILLIAM B. SHUBB and Magistrate Judge SEAN C. RIORDAN. Any dates currently set in the reassigned cases only are hereby VACATED. Henceforth, the captions on documents filed in the reassigned cases shall be shown as United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-413 WBS SCR, and United States v. Wells, Case No. 2:24-mc-414 WBS SCR.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make an appropriate adjustment in the assignment of cases to compensate for this reassignment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 13, 2025

  
WILLIAM B. SHUBB  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE